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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SYSTEM FOR ADJUSTING RESONANCE
FREQUENCIES IN A LINEAR COMPRESSOR

Examiner: J. L. Myers

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 23, 2008 (Paper No. 20080721), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species I, Figs. 2, 3 and 7, which correspond to Group I, claims 1-20 for continued examination, **with traverse**.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction between the following Species:

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| Group I: | Drawn to the hydraulic or pneumatic means of varying the dead point of the piston as shown in Figures 2, 3 and 7. |
| Group II: | Drawn to the hydraulic or pneumatic means of varying the dead point of the piston as shown in Figures 4 and 4a. |
| Group III: | Drawn to the rotary cam means of varying the dead point of the piston as shown in Figure 5. |
| Group IV: | Drawn to the screw stop means of varying the dead point of the piston as shown in Figure 6. |
| Group V: | Drawn to the means of adjusting the resonance of the piston by varying its mass as shown in Figure 8. |

Additionally, the claims are deemed by the Examiner to correspond to the species listed above as follows:

- Group I: corresponds with claims 1-20; or
- Group II: corresponds with claims 1-4, 8, 9, 10, 18-26; or
- Group III: corresponds with claims 1-4, 8-10, 18-21, 26; or
- Group IV: corresponds with claims 1-4, 8-10, 19, 20, 27; or
- Group V: corresponds with claims 1-7.

